

Around Eielson

A quick look at what's going on

Today

► Base theater: **The Upside of Anger**, (R) 7 p.m.

Saturday

► Base theater: **Fever Pitch**, (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Sunday

► 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family buffet is served at the Yukon Club. Call 377-2635.

► Base theater: **The Upside of Anger**, (R) 7 p.m.

Monday

► 5 p.m. Build your own hoagie pizza at the Yukon Club.

Tuesday

► 5 p.m. Prime rib and cook your own steak night at the Yukon Club.

Wednesday

► 5 p.m. Family style buffet at the Yukon Club.

Thursday

► 5 p.m. Pasta Extravaganza at the Yukon Club.

May 20

► 5 p.m. Seafood dinner special at Yukon Club.

► Base theater: **Sahara**, (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Keeping critical information safe

by Senior Airman Jasmine Reif
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Over the next couple of months there will be many people from other countries participating in Cooperative Cope Thunder here.

Icemen need to keep an eye out for the following suspicious behaviors:

Surveillance. Someone recording or monitoring activities with cameras or video cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams or using binoculars.

Elicitation. Anyone attempting to gain information by mail, phone, fax, telephone or in person about military operations or people.

Tests of security. Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures.

Acquiring supplies. Purchasing weapons, uniforms, badges or any other controlled items.

Suspicious persons out of place. People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood or any where else.

Dry run. Putting people into position and moving them about without actually committing a terrorist act.

Deploying assets. People and supplies getting in position to commit the act. This is the last opportunity to alert authorities.

Icemen who witness suspicious activity should call the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Eagle Eyes Program at 377-1852; the law enforcement desk at 377-5130 or a unit control center.

Eielson's Information Operations hotline is 377-2683.

BRAC process explained

by 1st Lt. Teresa Sullivan
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Although Eielson was identified for potential realignment in a May 13 proposal to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, Iceman Team members should stay mission focused.

Under the Department of Defense recommendation, 33 major bases would close and realign 29. For Eielson, an approved realignment would affect 2,821 Airmen and 319 civilians – the 354th Fighter Wing.

“The Iceman Team needs to

remember that this is not final. Either way, we as Airmen must support the decisions of our top leadership,” said Brig. Gen. Marke Gibson, 354th Fighter Wing commander. “We need to remain focused on the mission here until Congress makes the final decision on the BRAC list. For now our base is only being considered for realignment, which means base personnel and aircraft could move elsewhere. None of this will happen today or tomorrow so all Icemen need to remain patient and mission focused.”

BRAC is a congressionally

BRAC timeline

Sept. 8: Final day for BRAC Commission to transmit final recommendations to President.
Sept. 23: Final day for President's approval or disapproval of the BRAC Commission's recommendations. If the recommendations are approved, the recommendations are binding 45 "legislative" days after Presidential transmission or adjournment, unless Congress enacts joint resolution of disapproval.
Oct. 20: If the President disapproves the Commission's initial recommendations, the Commission must submit revised recommendations to the President not later than this date.
Nov. 7: Final day for the President to provide his revised BRAC recommendations to Congress or the BRAC process ends.

authorized process Department of Defense uses to reorganize its base structure. It's meant to increase operational readiness, save taxpayer dollars, and en-

hance combat effectiveness. The end effect is to cut 24 percent of excess military infrastructure. If approved, Eielson would start its realignment by 2007.

“BRAC makes the Air Force more efficient, capable and effective, while transforming the service

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Airman 1st Class Anthony Nelson

BRAC town hall meeting
Col. Ben Bitler, 354th Fighter Wing vice commander, speaks to Iceman Team members at the town hall meeting Monday at the base theater. He spoke about the base realignment and closure process and answered community member's questions. A few key points were: the base will use every method possible to get up-to-date BRAC information to those affected; the BRAC process is not complete and nothing is official yet; if approved, Eielson will not close, but will look different; there are measures in place for military members, civilians, retirees and communities affected by BRAC. For more details about BRAC, surf to www.defenselink.mil/brac.

High-interest reminders for ORE

by Senior Airman Jasmine Reif
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Iceman Team members need to pay special attention to the following high-interest issues during next week's Operational Readiness Exercise, which will take place Tuesday through Thursday.

Non-players

Iceman Team members who are not participating in the Phase II must wear blues.

Alarms and MOPP levels

Alarm colors dictate movement while MOPP levels dictate how much of the ground crew ensemble must be worn.

For example:

During Green/MOPP 2, members can move around but must be in MOPP 2.

During Green/MOPP 4, members can move but must be in full MOPP gear because of possible contamination.

In Black/MOPP 2, Icemen cannot move around outside due to conventional unexploded ordnance but only need to be in MOPP 2.

Alarm Blue Missile/Aircraft

Icemen must pay attention when Alarm Blue is called. When it is an aircraft attack, people need to find a hardened shelter and do not take cover in or under vehicles. When it is a missile attack, people can stay inside vehicles. Never take cover underneath a vehicle.

P tabs, inspection cards

P tab registration cards must be kept in the inside pocket of the gas mask and must be recorded as being taken every 8 hours.

Gas mask inspection cards are also kept in the inside pocket of the gas mask and must be inspected and recorded every seven days during war time and every six months during peace time.



Iceman Team member will be briefed on MOPP levels, duress words, chemical codes, outdoor temperatures and any important information at the Ice Bridge before they enter the play area.

The P tab registers and inspection cards will be available at the Ice Bridge.

Ice Bridge

Decontamination kits

All Icemen must have six decontamination kits on them at all times while in the play area. They can be picked up at the Ice Bridge.

Contamination

Contaminated personnel need to call their unit control center. The UCC will direct them to a contamination control area. They will also be told what time to report.

Contaminated items need to be double bagged and placed outside in a contaminated waste disposal

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Responsible drinking earns Icemen goal day

by Senior Airman Jasmine Reif
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Iceman Team reached the goal of 60 days without a DWI Thursday, earning the wing a down day on June 3.

“Icemen made a plan, stuck to the plan, and used their safety nets when necessary”, said Col. Ben Bitler, 354th Fighter Wing vice commander, “Well done!”

“I want to thank everyone for embracing the importance of drinking responsibly. The achievement of our 60 day goal shows that we are certainly capable of engaging in social activities without being a danger to ourselves or others on the roads, however, our job is not done, we need to keep the momentum we've started and stay DWI free as long as we possibly can. Even one DWI can be one too many if we end up seriously injuring or killing someone” he said.

The down-day replaced the field day scheduled for June 3. Field day will be re-scheduled.

July of 2004 was the last time the wing reached its goal of 60 days without a DWI.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving have saved 4,036 lives by giving free and confidential rides to people who need a ride home after drinking. To volunteer to drive for AADD e-mail jason.alberti@eielson.af.mil. For a ride home call 377-RIDE (7433).

ATV safety rules

by Senior Airman Jasmine Reif
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Iceman Team members who ride all-terrain vehicles must adhere to several guidelines when operating them on base.

The requirements are:

- Attend a base ATV safety class
- Must not exceed seating capacity
- Must take the most direct route to the gas station and trails — do not ride on berms or any seeded area, except for trail system.
- Must not travel faster than 15 miles per hour
- Must wear reflective vest, hel-

met, eye protection, full-finger gloves, long sleeve shirt or jacket, long pants and sturdy footwear (leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes are strongly encouraged).


- Riders must be loaded into Pacific Air Forces Comprehensive Assessment of Risk and Evaluation System as an ATV rider
- People under 16 must be directly supervised by a parent or guardian
- ATVs must be registered with pass and identification. Call 377-1033
- To sign up for an ATV safety class call wing safety at 377-4263.



Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver

Rendering respect
Col. Ronald Crosby, 354th Maintenance Group commander, gets saluted by Staff Sgt. Thaddaeus Werner, 354th Fighter Wing command section information manager, outside of Amber Hall Tuesday. Icemen are reminded to salute staff cars that display blue license plates with silver rank.


ICEMEN DEPLOYED



Iraqi Freedom - 55
Enduring Freedom - 88
Other - 8
Total = 151
As of May 16


Today

High 65, Low 40
Partly Cloudy
Daylight:
19 hrs., 14 mins.




Saturday

High 70, Low 45
Mostly Cloudy
Daylight:
19 hrs., 20 mins.



Sunday

High 76, Low 48
Partly Cloudy
Daylight:
19 hrs., 28 mins.



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to better meet future threats,” said General Gibson. “Just because Eielson made the list last Friday does not mean there’s cause for panic. Many people had questions for me last week about how their careers could be affected by this, about their homes and the community. Everyone can be assured the Air Force has measures in place to accommodate for closures and realignments.”

This is the fifth round of BRAC actions for the Air Force. During commander’s calls and a town hall meeting, civilians, retirees, homeowners, community and active duty members raised a variety of concerns.

For Icemen awaiting assignments, they can rest easy knowing the Air Force will not begin relocating personnel until Secretary Rumsfeld’s recommendations are approved by Congress this fall.

There are no current plans to freeze assignments to and from BRAC nominated bases, according to officials. Once the final list

is approved and the timeline for closure or realignment is established, the assignment system will act to ensure enough personnel are available to complete the closure or realignment and to smoothly move people to new assignments.

For servicemen and women, BRAC has a way of working out. One Iceman Team member, who has been through the BRAC process twice, says no two BRAC bases are handled exactly alike.

“The BRAC process went quickly at Hahn (AB, Germany) and at McClellan (AFB, Calif.), the process took years. They’re all different and I think Eielson’s situation is different as well,” said Col. Ron Crosby, 354th Maintenance Group commander.

Colonel Crosby was stationed at Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany, and was tasked to work closure issues with Hahn when it was selected for closure. Within a year, the planes and maintainers were

transferred out while support troops stayed behind to close the base. Later in his career he was sent to McClellan, which was already on the BRAC list at the time. It took McClellan five years to complete the process.

“There are many variations to how this could end up, but everything will work out,” he said. “There are a lot of unknowns at Eielson right now, the best thing to do is stay the course, stay safe and focus on the mission at hand.”

While the Iceman Team braces for possible realignment, they can have peace of mind knowing the Air Force has measures in place to take care of its people, said General Gibson.

“I will continue to focus on the Iceman Team. Everyone must remain focused on the mission and do the best they can at the job they have right now,” he said.

For more information about BRAC, surf to www.defenselink.mil/brac.



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Perfect precision

Robert Crooks, Yulista Management Services Inc., Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory technician, calibrates a right angle block using an electronic height gauge and surface plate. PMEL is responsible for ensuring every piece of equipment, from torque wrenches to test equipment used to ensure bombs and missiles hit their target, are calibrated and in peak operating condition. On May 12, PMEL completed an Air Force Metrology and Calibration assessment. During the six-day assessment, seven positive “noteworthy” comments were made by the team and the lab’s overdue and backlog rates were shown to be more than 50 percent better than the Air Force averages. The laboratory passed all six critical areas for certification and was certified for another two years.

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area. The receptacle will be cordoned off 10 feet on each side with cones and flagging tape.

Self-aid and buddy care

Icemen are reminded to not walk away if handed an exercise inject card. React as if the situation is real.

The first step everyone should take when beginning to perform self-aid and buddy care on an “injured” person is to check their A, B, Cs — airway, breathing and circulation.

Cell phones

During Phase II government cell phones may not be used until a battle staff directive authorizes their use. Once authorized, Iceman Team members may use them until directed otherwise by a BSD. During the Phase II, personal cell phones may only be used for emergency purposes. They may not be used for official business.

Transitioning in sectors

Everyone participating in the exercise who is riding in a vehicle other than a bus must stop at all sector signs, marked by cones and follow all the instructions on the sign.

The cones are marked with smiley faces or a black skull. When a smiley face is seen, it means people are entering a clean sector and a black skull means people are entering a contaminated sector. When transitioning from a clean sector to a clean

sector no actions are needed.

Transition points

When entering a clean sector from a clean sector, no actions are needed.

When entering a contaminated sector from a clean sector, all personnel must stop at the sign and follow all instructions. The same must be done when entering a clean sector from a contaminated sector.

People must stop at transition signs marked with either a smiley face or a black skull for quick assessment.

Dog tags

All Iceman Team members participating in the exercise must wear their dog tags at all times. Tags must be worn on two chains.

Nerve agent antidote kits — Self-Aid

Use SMALL injector first. Take off safety cap, never placing thumb over either end of injector. Place injector on the meaty portion of the thigh and push until needle injects. Hold for 10 seconds, counting out loud slowly. Bend needle on hard surface and place needles where they can be seen. Wait five-10 minutes for antidote to take effect. If it doesn’t work, administer the second set.

For more information consult Air Force Manual 10-100, Airman’s Manual.

See bus route and parking maps on Page 6.



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Celebrating Arbor Day

Tom Slater and Tech. Sgt. John Colgazier, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron natural resources technicians, plant a white spruce tree in front of Anderson Elementary School Monday in honor of Arbor Day. J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day more than 130 years ago. He wanted a day designated each year for tree planting. Last year natural resources planted more than 600 trees around base.

This month in Eielson history

May 14, 1952: The first permanent courtroom opened on the second floor of building T-183.

May 19, 1952: Members assigned to the 5010th Air Installation Squadron began leveling, grading and construction on a military recreation area at Harding Lake. It would be a day-use only

facility with no overnight accommodations.

May 24, 1952: Civilian club opened.

May 1, 1954: The base opened its new aircraft control tower located at the north end of the ‘Big Hangar.’

May 19, 1955: Six seniors graduated from Eielson high school.

May 24, 1965: Fifty-nine seniors graduated from Eielson high school.

May 12, 2004: Sixty-six seniors graduated from Eielson high school

DWI CLOCK

MAINTAINED BY THE 354TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

Iceman Team goal is 120 days without a DWI.

Days without a DWI: 61

Need a free ride home? 377-RIDE

Days until goal: 59

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers gave 31 rides last weekend and have ‘saved’ 4,067 lives.

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HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame is a program for group commanders to recognize Airmen for excellent job performance.



Senior Airman
Jason Alberti
Fire Protection
Journeyman
354th CES
Miami, Fla.

“He is a highly dedicated professional who serves as a positive Air Force role model. As president of Airmen Against Drunk Driving, his willingness to go the extra mile has greatly improved all AADD operations and ensured the safety of Eielson community members. His dedication to fire protection is unsurpassed and makes him an outstanding firefighter and first line supervisor.”



Tech. Sgt.
Travis Baumgardner
First Term Airman
Center NCOIC
354th MSS
Parsons, Kan.

“He graduated from the NCO academy class 05-1 as Commandant Award recipient. He has been selected as 354th Mission Support Squadron NCO of the Quarter for January-March 2005. He has completely revamped the First Term Airman Center’s welcome ceremonies as well as initiating new physical training, reveille and retreat lessons. He has been an inspiration to all new Airmen since taking over the FTAC position.”



Senior Airman
Timothy Horner
Aerospace Ground
Equipment Journeyman
354th MXS
Stockton, Calif.

“His dedication to the wing is immeasurable. He is responsible for maintaining the serviceability of more than 300 heaters and light carts that support the flight line and front gate during hours of darkness and freezing temperatures. He is also responsible for the dispatch of de-icer trucks and dispensing de-icer fluid on assigned and transient aircraft to prevent in-flight failures due to icing. His selflessness and sense of urgency has ensured uninterrupted service of base infrastructure and flight line operations.”



Staff Sgt.
William Couey III
Circuit Card Repair
Lead Technician
354th MXG
Anchorage, Alaska

“He is the only person in the Pacific Air Forces trained to recertify other circuit card repair technicians. He is responsible for the repair and refurbishment of more than 150 circuit cards or aircraft related equipment this fiscal year, saving the wing at least \$800,000 and returning 24 mission critical assets to waiting aircraft. He has also completed 18 semester hours towards a bachelor’s degree in management.”



Senior Airman Amber Weeks
Explosive Ordnance Disposal
Journeyman
354th CES
Reno, Nev.

“While deployed she destroyed 15,000 pounds of enemy ammunition, disposed of more than 400 weapons that were removed from hostile forces and destroyed three roadside IEDs, which kept the American forces’ main supply route open.”



Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver

100,000 air miles
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Schaffer, 354th Maintenance Squadron, signs her winning ticket for 100,000 Alaska Air Miles, which were raffled off by the Top 3 Enlisted Club. The Top 3 donated the raffle proceeds of more than \$2,000 to the Enlisted and Officer’s Spouses Club scholarship fund.

ACCESS EIELSON

***Editor’s Note:** Access Eielson is the central source for all base helping agencies. All activities take place at the family support center unless otherwise noted. For a list of other classes and programs call 377-2178 or surf to www.eielson.af.mil. Please RSVP for classes. For classes taking place at family advocacy call 377-4041.*

Classes

- Gardening Class - Annuals in Flowers Beds,** 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the base library.
- Values, Goals, and Your Money Personality,** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.
- Great Expectations,** noon to 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Programs

- Deployment Briefings -** Every Tuesday and Thursday, singles at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and married at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Smooth Move,** 9–11:30 a.m. every Wednesday.
- Polar Stroller Rollers,** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at the youth center gym.
- Pre-Separation Briefing,** 2-3 p.m. every Thursday. Mandatory 90 days prior to separation.
- Pet Sitters List.** The list identifies community members who are available to care for your pets in your home while you’re away from your base housing unit.

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FRI

Outdoor recreation and equipment check-out operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. five days a week. The office is closed Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are currently located at 2762 Industrial, but the office will move to Bear Lake recreation area in June. Call 377-1232. For Birch Lake or Valdez reservations call 377-1317.

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SAT

The free May fitness mini-triathlon takes place 8:30 a.m. at the fit-

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SUN

ness center. Participants will bike 10 km, swim 500 yards and run 5 km. Enter as a team or individually. Free t-shirts will be given while supplies last. An entry form with waiver is available online at www.eielsonservices.com.

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MON

A local band “Movie Star Foot Soldier,” will perform for youth center members ages 13-18 at the Teen Break. The Break is open 7-11 p.m. Call 377-3194.

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TUE

The fitness center will be closed to the public Tuesday through Thursday due to the Operational Readiness Exercise Phase II.

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WED

Learn how to make a garden grow 6-7:30 p.m. at the base library. A discussion on the topic of annual flowers as bedding plants will be taught by Michele Hebert of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension. Call 377-3174.

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THU

A block party and carnival celebrating the end of the school year takes place 1-5 p.m. at the youth center. Call 377-3194.

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FRI

Thunder Alley glow bowling takes place 7-11 p.m. at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.

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SAT

The Yukon Club and Arctic Nite Lanes will be closed May 28-30 for the holiday weekend.

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SUN

Forces family day hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 27.

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MON

The community center outdoor mini-golf course is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-6:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$2.50 per person.

Change of command

Lt. Col. Phil Haun will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Quentin Rideout at 3 p.m. today at the corrosion control facility. All Icemen are invited to attend. Dress is duty uniform for military members.

Driver’s education class

A driver’s education class takes place 10 a.m. to noon everyday June 31 through July 6 at Crawford Elementary School. The class is open to anyone with a valid learners permit or driver’s license. Call 490-2523 or surf to www.northstardrivingschool.org to register.

Non-rated traditional officers vacancies

The 168th Air Refueling Wing has non-rated traditional officer vacancies. Officers in the grade of captain or below, enlisted or non-prior service candidates are eligible to apply.
Mandatory and desired qualifications are as follows:

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited institution is mandatory
- Outstanding appearance, military bearing and conduct
- Must not have an unfavorable information file, civil convictions or open Inspector General investigations

- The selected individual must attend a basic Air Force Specialty Code Awarding Course
- For resume and application requirements call Master Sgt. Wiegert at 456-1016 or 377-8737.

Test administrator needed

The training and education office is seeking a part-time test administrator for 16 hours a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 14. This is a contract position. To apply, call Ms. Tammy Davis at 377-2907.

Moving scale broken

The 354th Logistics Readiness Squadron Traffic Management Office’s self-procured move scale, located at Bldg. 3425, is currently broken. Parts are on order and repairs are expected to take 10-14 days once they arrive. There are two scales located in Fairbanks that are authorized for use. One is at the Tesoro gas station, located at 3569 S. Cushman. Call 456-1122. The other is at Fairbanks Sand and Gravel, located at 2.5 mile Old Richardson Highway. They are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information call Master Sgt. Hubert Hedwood at 377-2339 or Tech. Sgt. Bret Derr at 377-3094.

—COMMANDER’S—
CORNER

Commander’s
Hotline
377-6100

The Hotline is your opportunity to get your issues and comments directly to me so I can address them. Before you call the hotline, however, I strongly encourage you to give the unit involved, your first sergeant or commander a shot at resolving the issue. The Iceman Team takes care of its own, but you should give these people the chance to help. Please leave the names and organizations of the people you've contacted who have been unable to satisfy your concern, and I will look into the problem. Your confidentiality will be respected at all times. Thank you!

Brig. Gen. Marke Gibson
354th Fighter Wing
commander

Newspaper deadline
The Arctic Sentry deadline is close of business Friday prior to the following Friday’s publication. E-mail submissions to editor@eielson.af.mil or **ARCTIC SENTRY** on the global listing.

ECTV submissions
To post announcements on Eielson Community Television, e-mail ectv@eielson.af.mil or ECTV on the global.

To be or to do? That is the question

by **Capt. George Sherwood**
18th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Let me start out by asking you a very serious, singularly life-changing and career making question: Are you an Airman that does or are you an Airman that is? In every Airman’s career there comes a point at which he must ask himself that very question and in turn make the decision either to be or to do for the rest of his time in the service of his country.

It’s all clear as mud, right? Decisions we make on a daily basis on everything from how we wear our uniform to how diligently we pursue our professional military eduction to how we do our job ultimately determine the kind of Airman we are. Some Airmen are followers, some are leaders, and some are both while others are neither. It’s easiest to narrow it down to two main categories: The Do-Ers and the Be-Ers.

It’s easiest to introduce the Be-Ers first. They’re Airmen that ride things out, take the path of least resistance, go whichever way the wind blows on issues and essentially exist on a day-to-day basis without any contribution to the greater good. Be-Ers don’t like to do any more than the bare minimums because exerting effort can sometimes lead to things like

friction or more time on the job. It’s not to say that Be-Ers don’t get the job done but, rather, that the job they do is nothing more than the maintaining the status quo.

“What’s wrong with maintaining the status quo?” you ask? Look at how much the Air Force has changed since you came in and it doesn’t matter if you’re an Airman that’s been in for a year or a colonel who’s been in for more than 20.

Change is a constant factor throughout our Air Force history so if Be-Ers ran the Air Force who knows what we’d look like today?

I doubt we’d be the strongest, most respected airpower in the world, that we’d have the global presence we maintain or the quality of people we possess because for all those things we are, many Airmen had to suggest, push, drive, spearhead, identify, convince, recommend, or otherwise put the extra effort into the work that got us where we are today.

For our first-termers, do you think you’d be living in single occupancy dorm rooms instead of open bay barracks if no one had *worked* to get that change made? These folks are the Do-Ers.

Do-Ers are never satisfied with the status quo because good enough never is. Do-Ers are Airmen that seek out

challenges, look for ways to improve how things are done, and actively contribute to the greater good.

These Airmen constantly go above and beyond regardless of the effort required because to them, getting the job done isn’t enough ... getting the job done better is their goal.

To be a Do-Er means that you take enough pride in yourself, your work, and your Air Force to make each one better every day. If you’re a Be-Er and you’ve read at least this far I congratulate you because you’ve taken the first steps into doing instead of being. To continue on your journey keep reading...

Do-Ers know who they are, but Be-Ers don’t always self-identify, so for those who are still being instead of doing and wondering how to do instead of be...here are a few suggestions.

Most Be-Ers like to complain. As a matter of fact, most Be-Ers love to complain about almost anything. As you transform from a Be-Er to a Do-Er, look at what you complain about the most. Is there anything that you personally can do to improve the situation? If you don’t like the way a technical order is written have you considered submitting an AF Form 2000 in order to get it changed?

If you don’t like the



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Capt. George Sherwood
354th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
18th AMU officer in charge

condition of your shop have you ever thought of submitting an AF Form 332 to do a self-help project to improve your work environment? While there’s nothing wrong with complaining, complaints with no action are a waste of energy and effort that could be better spent elsewhere.

What else can you do? Are you an expert at your job? Can you do your job better than anyone else? If you can, congratulations! You’re head and shoulders above 95 percent of the rest of the Air Force. If you can’t make that claim, what are you doing to work toward that goal and become an expert?

Are you familiar with all of the Air Force Instructions that pertain to your duty section? Do you ask questions when

you don’t know the answers?

These are just a few simple examples of traits of Do-Ers that are a great way for a Be-Er to get started on the road to personal and professional success.

In the Robert Coram biography of Air Force Col. John R. Boyd entitled “Boyd: The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of War,” Colonel Boyd makes a definite delineation between those who coast along in their lives and careers and those who take control of their lives and careers and make great things happen.

I encourage you to add this biography to your own professional reading list and determine for yourself what you can do to become a Do-Er in today’s Air Force.

